



GRIFFIN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

Welcome to the Griffin RESA GATAPP Teacher Certification Information Session!

Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy

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Georgia **T**eacher **A**cademy for **P**reparation and **P**edagogy (GATAPP)

An alternative (Non-Traditional) educator preparation program for those that did not complete the teacher certification requirement as part of their degree program.

Candidates teach in the classroom while simultaneously earning their teaching certificate.





Georgia **T**eacher **A**cademy for **P**reparation and **P**edagogy (GATAPP)

- Helps address teacher shortage issues or to fill high need areas;
- Allows individuals with a Bachelor's degree or higher to earn teacher certification;
- Offered by various program providers throughout Georgia





Griffin RESA Member Systems

- Butts County
- Fayette County
- Griffin - Spalding County
- Henry County
- Lamar County
- Newton County
- Pike County
- Thomaston
-Upson County



Approved Certification Areas: Middle Grades (4-8)

- Language Arts
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Social Science (Studies)





Approved Certification Areas: Secondary Education (6-12)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Business Ed.
- Computer Science/Technology Ed.
- Family/Consumer Science
- Political Science





Approved Certification Areas

- Elementary Education Certification (ECE)
- Elementary/SPED Dual Certification
- Elementary Education Add-on
- Special Education
 - General Curriculum
 - Adaptive Curriculum





Approved Certification Areas

- Foreign Languages
- Music
- Art
- Dance/Drama/Theater
- Health/Physical Education
- CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education)





TAPP Program Routes

1. Two Years - Typical Route
2. One Year with Requirements Met
3. One Year for Elementary Education Add-on



GaTAPP

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TAPP Route #1

Time Frame and Cost

- **Two years**
- \$4,800 for Year 1
(System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$400 per month.)
- \$2,100 for Year 2
(System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$175 per month.)

Requirements

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree
- Passing score GACE Content Assessment
- Passing score GACE Ethics #360 (ETS) or #351 (Pearson)



TAPP Route #2

Time Frame and Cost

- One year
- \$4,800 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$400 per month.)

Requirements

- Meet Route 1 Requirements
- Any of these requirements:
 - Two or more years on a provisional certificate in a PK-12 accredited school
 - Master's Degree of Education in Content Area
 - Receiving CTAE Certification





TAPP Route #3

Elementary Add-on Certification

Time Frame and Cost

- One year
- \$2,700 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$225 per month.)

Requirements

- Pass GACE in Early Childhood Education
- Hold a P-5 position with one of our member systems
- Already hold a teaching certificate



Thank you!

- Payroll Deduction through regional schools.
- This agreement with the systems will help alleviate the financial hardship on TAPP candidates.
- If a candidate withdraws from TAPP, he/she will be responsible for repayment to the system. We do not offer refunds for TAPP Tuition.





Transitioning from Military Service to Education and Military Spouses Information

Thank you for your service!

VA Benefits for on-the-job training (Chapter 33 or 35 Benefits)





TAPP Support

- Griffin RESA TAPP Field Supervisor
- School Based Mentor
- 7+ classroom observations with feedback from your support team each year
- 100+ hours of instruction
 - Classroom Management
 - Curriculum
 - Assessment
 - Social/Emotional Learning
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Ethics/Professionalism
 - Special Education
 - Lesson Planning





TAPP Entry Requirement

- Before registering for a GACE assessment, you will create a profile on [MyPSC account](#) and request testing eligibility in the Assessments tab.
Content Test: Reason #3
Ethics Test: Reason #7
- **GACE Content**
 - You can register for all GACE testing here:
<https://www.gace.es.pearson.com/> or 833-998-9209
- **GACE Ethics 351**
 - Completed Online.
 - No studying required.



Completion Requirements

- Proficient Portfolio and Griffin RESA Assessment of Competencies
- Proficient Observations
 - TAPP Field Supervisor
 - Building Level Administrator
 - School Mentor.
- Completion of Required Coursework.
- GACE Science of Reading
- Attendance at Monthly TAPP Seminars.



Required Coursework

All Certifications

- Identification of the Exceptional Child
- Understanding and Support the Dyslexic Learner
- Science of Reading Literacy Requirements
- Any additional assigned Professional Learning as needed.



Specific Certifications

- The Teaching of Reading (P-12) – (ELE, ELE/SPED, MG and 6-12 Content)
- Nature and Needs of the Middle Grades Learner (Middle Grades Content only)



Griffin RESA TAPP

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total # of Interns	185	150	135 79, 49 7 in year 3 not in data	135 73, 61, 1
% in Elementary School	41%	48%	52% 1 in K-8 Music	54%
% in Middle School	27%	28%	28%	27%
% in High School	32%	24%	19%	19%

Griffin RESA TAPP Program supports 23 teaching fields this year. 14% of TAPP interns are in the field of Special Education.



Next steps:

- Create a profile on [MyPSC account](#)
- Complete the GACE Content and Ethics Assessment for teachers 351
- Once tests are passed, ask to be added to the Pre-TAPP list.
- Summer Essentials:
 - Session 1: June 1-12, 2026
 - Session 2: June 15 - 26, 2026
 - Session 3: July 6 - 17, 2026





Recruitment

- Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
- Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Location: Luella High School
603 Walker Drive, Locust Grove, Georgia



What to bring with you: At least 15 copies of a one-page resume to provide System Human Resources and School Representatives.

Representatives from the Griffin RESA TAPP (Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy) will also be on hand to answer questions for eligible participants.



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Griffin RESA

Thank you for your interest in the Griffin
GATAPP Program.

THANK
YOU!



For more information:

- www.griffinresa.net
- www.gapsc.com
- <https://www.gace.es.pearson.com/>



Meeting with Alt. Cert.

If you have not, please complete this
Information Attendee Form.





Meeting with Alt. Cert.

- The Alternative Certification Team will go to a breakout room.
- You will be moved to the room once a space becomes available.
- Don't want to wait? Feel free to contact us!
- **Q&A Breakout Rooms (Join the room based on your Last Name):**
 - Last Name **A-H**: Hosted by Mollie Hall: <https://griffinresa-net.zoom.us/j/85684203368>
 - Last Name **I-P**: Hosted by Cindy Holland: <https://griffinresa-net.zoom.us/j/9934254394>
 - Last Name **Q-Z**: Hosted by Dr. Renee Mallard: <https://griffinresa-net.zoom.us/j/88150851698>

